

REMARKS

Upon consideration of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-36 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. New claims 37- 59 have been added. Claims 37, 38 and 49 are independent. Claims 37-59 are supported by the specification as originally filed and no new matter has been introduced. Previous claims 1-36 were rejected based on double patenting. The cancellation of these claims renders the rejection moot. Previous claims 1-36 were also rejected as allegedly obvious in view of Carmean (U.S. 4,568,810) in view of DelGiorno (U.S. 5,899,502) in view of Neuhaus (U.S. 5,832,446) and further in view of Kolawa et al. (U.S. 6,236,974).

Amended independent claim 37 recites,

“A method for providing data related to cooking comprising:

accessing initial data related to food preparation;

providing the initial data;

detecting an utterance; and

responding to the spoken utterance with additional data.” (emphasis added)

As I understand the cited references, none of them, taken alone or in combination, render claim 37 obvious because the combination does not teach or suggest detecting an utterance and responding to the spoken utterance with additional data, as recited in claim 37. therefore claim 37 is patentable.

Independent claims 38 and 49 recite similar features and are believed patentable for the same reasons.

The other claims in this application are dependent on one of the independent claims discussed above and are believed patentable for the same reasons. However, each dependent claim also recites an additional aspect of the invention and the individual consideration of each dependent claim on its merits is respectfully requested.

Thus, if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite prosecution, he is invited to call the Applicant at the number listed below.

Applicant believes all the pending claims are patentable and respectfully requests early passage to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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